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ESTABLISHMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

[Comment: It may be of interest to note that the Czechoslovak press available in CIA has not been reporting on the steps which culminated in the establishment of the Czechoslovak Society for Scientific and Political Development. The only earlier reference to the fact that the establishment of such a society was contemplated consists of a report on the Dobris meeting held on 6 April 1952.]

The session for the establishment of the new Czechoslovak Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge continued its business on Sunday, 22 June, with a discussion of plans in 14 separate sections. Each section was concerned with plans for popularizing the activity of the society during the coming 1952-53 season. Lively discussion ensued among the scientists, factory workers, and enlightened workers.

Professor Igor Hrusovsky, dean of the Slovak University, opened the closing plenary session on Sunday afternoon. A letter from Klement Gottwald, president of the Republic, was read to the meeting by Frantisek Necasek, president of the cultural and press department of the office of the president. It was read after a tremendous ovation, while the audience remained standing.

The assembled delegates approved the following reports and resolutions:

A report of the Mandate Commission, presented by its president, Mme Dr L. Paudusakova-Mrkosova, who is an employee of the State Observatory in Skalnaty Ples; an organizational program presented by K. Marvan, president of the Commission for Organizational Rules and secretary of the Central Trades Council. Dr J. Macek, dean of the faculty of social sciences at the College of Political and Economic Sciences, read the resolution proposing the establishment of the Czechoslovak Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, which was adopted unanimously.

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Dr Jan Bartuska, dean of the legal faculty at Charles University and a deputy to the National Assembly, then presented the assembly with the list of candidates as drawn up by the Central Committee of the society. The assembly unanimously elected Dr Vilibald Bezdicek, professor of engineering, as president. He is a rector of Czech Higher Technical Education. The list was composed of 80 outstanding scientists, technicians, innovators, artists, and cultural and politically enlightened workers.

The newly elected president then assumed the chair. The delegates adopted a resolution regarding the international political situation as ready by Dr Dionyz Blaskovic, manager of the Slovak Biological Institute in Bratislava. It was adopted with unanimous applause.

Engineer Dr Bohumil Penka a member of the working presidium of the congress, then read a letter received from the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge [Soviet], which serves as a model for the newly established Czechoslovak society.

During the afternoon session, the delegates were greeted by Vaclav Kopecky, Minister of Information, and Professor Zdenek Nejedly, Minister of Education. Nejedly was honored by a long ovation at the conclusion of his address.

The 2-day congress of some 800 Czech and Slovak scientists, technicians, artists, improvers, and innovators closed with the singing of the Hymn of Work.

Resolutions Adopted by the Congress

We, workers in science, technology, and arts, fully conscious of importance of these fields in the great task of building socialism in our people's democratic homeland, and in order to facilitate the cultural life and the education of the new socialist individual, resolve to establish the Czechoslovak Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge.

We are led by the words of our dear president, Klement Gottwald, who said "we wish to contribute and strengthen the patriotic and socialist consciousness of our people and in this way confirm our socialist concept and our fight for world peace."

The educational activity of the new society will have as its prime objective the propagation of a scientific understanding of socialism. We will show that the great rebirth now taking place in all the lands of the camp of peace and led by the Soviet Union originated from the historic victory of the working class and the scientific understanding of the evolution of society. The grandiose growth of the USSR for the past 35 years is the best proof of the scientific truth of the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin.

The society must use the latest findings of science in the fight against old-fashioned thought which acts as a hindrance to the development of the light of truth and progress in order to do away with the darkness of the past; to free the people from the captivity of ignorance, religious obscurantism, and superstition; to spread knowledge and culture; to expound materialistically the evolution of the cosmic sphere, the earth, and the human race, and in this way to breathe into the people faith in the unending creative ability of the workers and faith in humanity which will transform nature and society.

To further the development of creative powers of the workers in our industry and agriculture, the society will assist them in the widest possible measure to enable them to become familiar with the latest findings and most progressive methods in scientific and technical progress. It will make available to all workers the results, experiences, and methods of Stakhanovites, innovators, and improvers.

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In the spirit of the most beautiful traditions of the Czech and Slovak people, in the spirit of our great cultural treasures, we wish to inculcate in the working peoples a proud socialist patriotism.

We will disseminate the results of the most advanced scientific research in the world, Soviet research and by this method reaffirm in our people their admiration and love for the USSR and teach them to acquire for their own use the results of the USSR's march to socialism.

To achieve these aims as speedily as possible, the all-state constitutional congress has adopted the following resolutions:

1. The congress accepts the letter of Klement Gottwald, the speeches of Vaclav Kopecky, Minister of Information, and of Zdenek Nejedly, Minister of Education, Science, and Arts, as the basis for further activity of the society.
2. The congress approves the report of Dr Vilibald Bezdicek, president of the All State Preparatory Committee, and Professor Igor Hrusovsky, president of the Slovak Preparatory Committee, on the work of these preparatory committees and about the further development of the society.
3. The Central Committee will be responsible for the congressional discussions both in plenary as well as sectional sessions. This Central Committee will prepare a thematic plan and will assure its activation in cooperation with all the other cultural state organs, mass organizations, especially the Revolutionary Trade-Union Movement and the Czechoslovak Youth Union and all sections of the National Front, the Czechoslovak State Films, and Czechoslovak Press and Radio.
4. That the temporary kraj preparatory committees of this society elected at the kraj founding conferences, effective this date, be declared permanent kraj committees.
5. The Central Committee will also provide for the publication of the society periodical.
6. The congress exhorts the delegates to this founding conference to do all within their power for the realization of the slogan "Light of Progress and Scientific Truth for the Service of People, Peace, and Socialism."

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